ALABAMA APPELLATE COURTS' E-FILING SYSTEM ("ACES")

How to File a New Case in C-Track E-Filing



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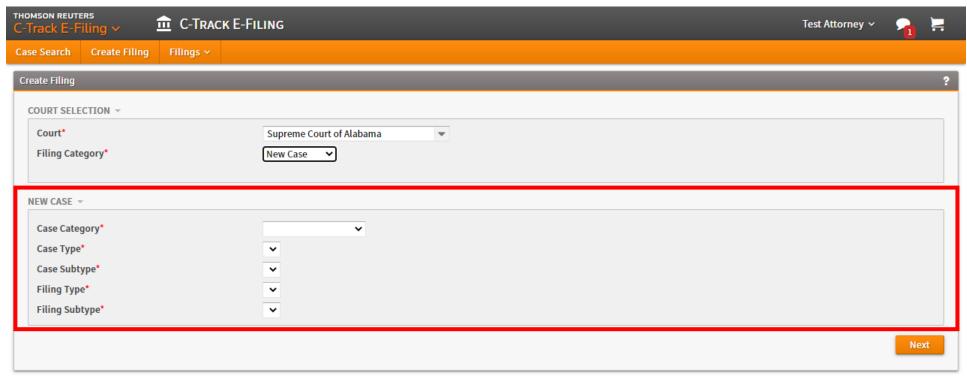
To submit any document for filing in either a new case or existing case, start by clicking ribbon.



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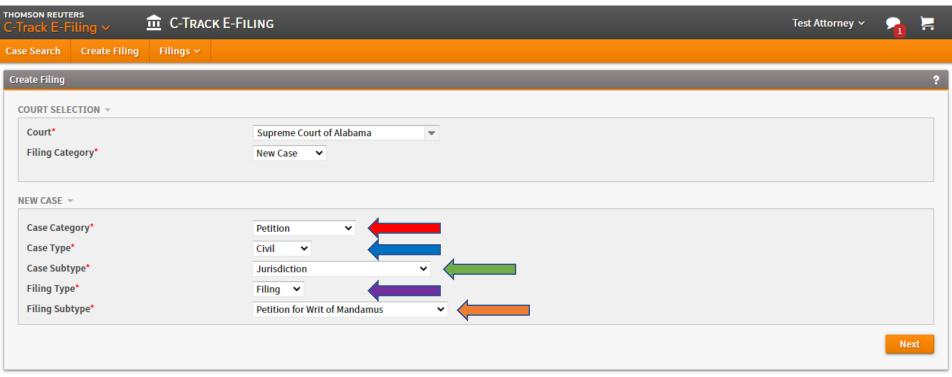
Begin by first selecting the appropriate appellate court to e-file your document (red arrow). You can choose between the Supreme Court of Alabama, the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals, or the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals.

Then select what type of filing you intend to make (blue arrow). You can choose between New Case and Existing Case.



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Selecting New Case from the Filing Category will cause the New Case bundle with the five required selections to automatically appear (red box).



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Under the New Case bundle that appeared, you will be required to make a selection in each of the five drop-down menus:

- Case Category (red arrow) is where you will select the type of case you are creating (e.g., petition, certiorari, etc.).
- Case Type (blue arrow) is where you will select the area of law applicable to your filing (e.g., civil, criminal, contract, real property, etc.).
- Case Subtype (green arrow) is where you will select the issue being presented (e.g., jurisdiction, immunity, assault, etc.).
- Filing Type (purple arrow) is where you select the type of filing, which will almost certainly be Filing.
- Filing Subtype (orange arrow) is where you select what kind of filing (e.g., petition for writ of mandamus, petition for writ of certiorari, etc.).

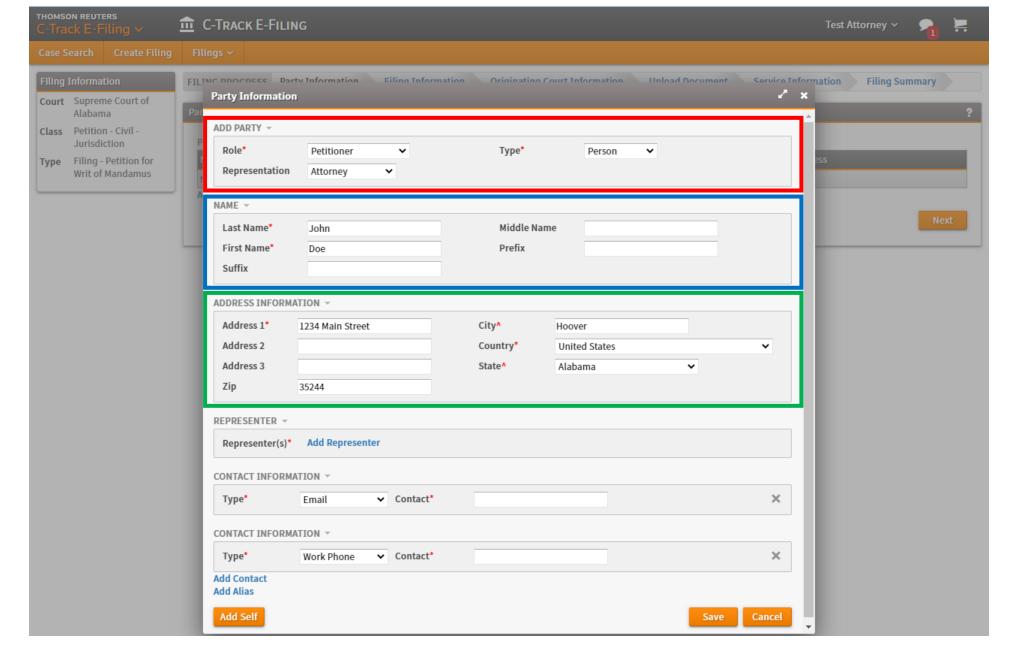


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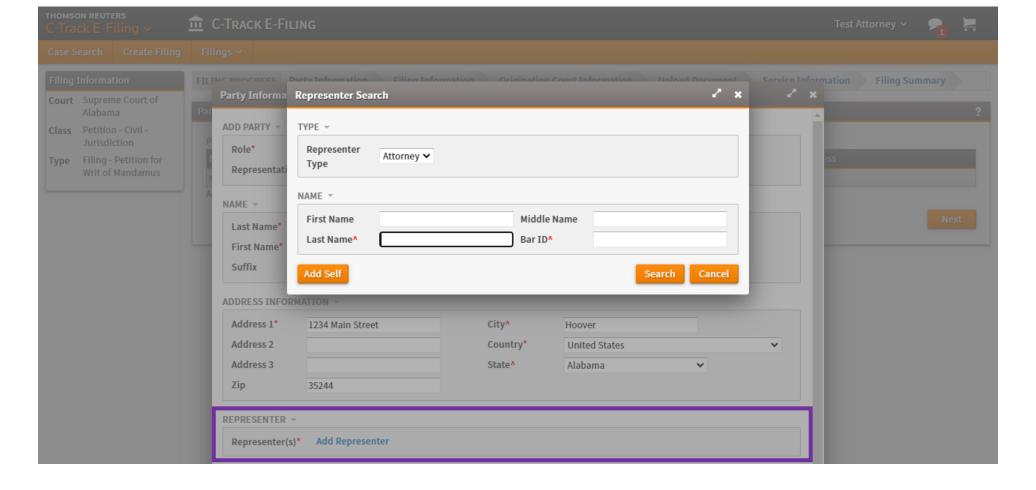
Now that you have created the new case, the next step is adding Party Information for all involved parties. Click on Add Another Case Party (red circle) to continue.

Before we move on, notice the Filing Progress (blue box) at the top of the screen that informs you where you are in the electronic filing process and allows you to move between the steps in the process.

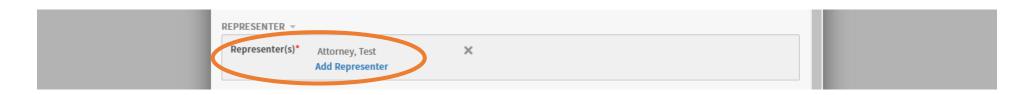
Also, the Filing Information (green box) on the left side of the screen informs you of the court, case, and filing that you created in the previous screen.



First, add your client as the appropriate party (red box). Then, enter your client's name (blue box) and contact information (green box).



Next, enter your client's attorneys (purple box). When you click Add Representer, a pop-up box appears. To add your own information, simply click the Add self button, and C-Track will auto-populate your information (orange circle). To add additional counsel, enter any of the above information and click the Search button.



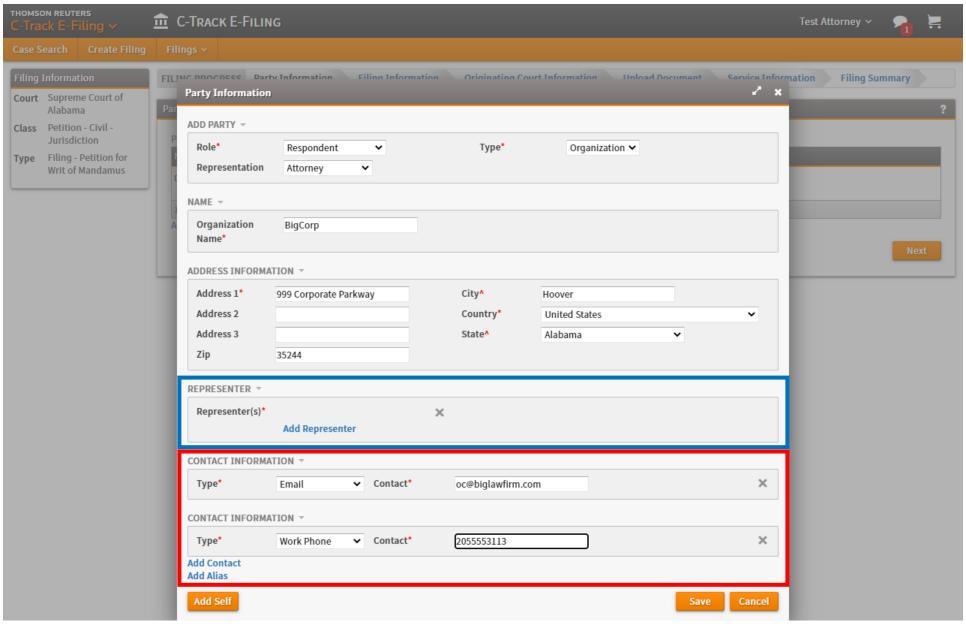
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You are not required to enter contact information for your client as long as you represent them. Instead, you can simply click the button beside each of the contact bundles (red box). You can choose to supply additional contact information or aliases as needed (blue arrow). When complete, click the save button.



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This takes us back to a familiar screen, but you will notice we now have a party in this new case (red box). To continue adding the remaining parties, click Add Another Case Party (blue circle).



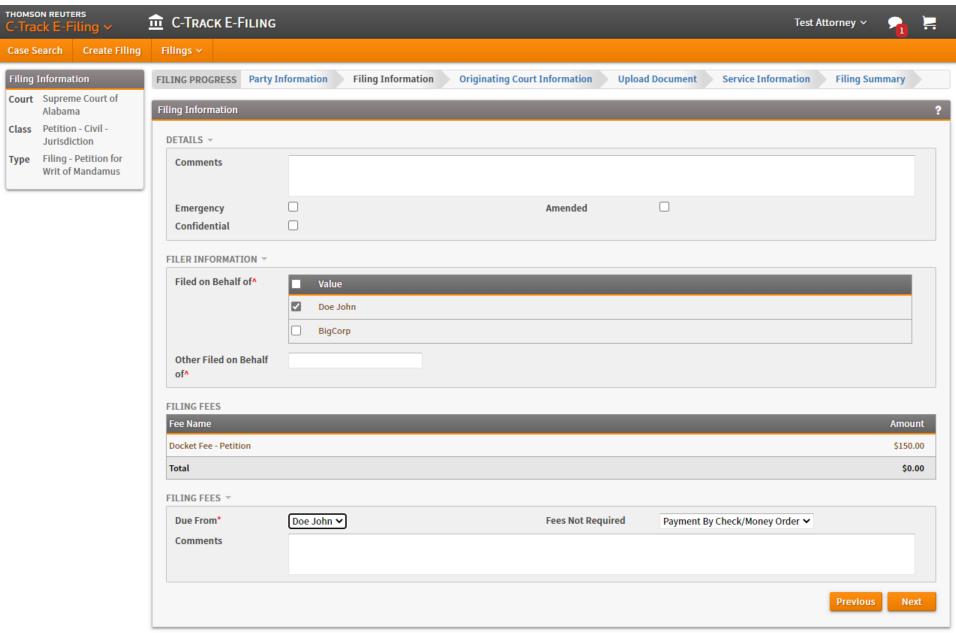
The process for adding the remaining parties is the same as adding your client. However, you are required to add at least one type of contact information for the other parties (red box). Additionally, if the other parties are represented by counsel in the lower court proceedings, you are also required to add every attorney as a Representer (blue box).



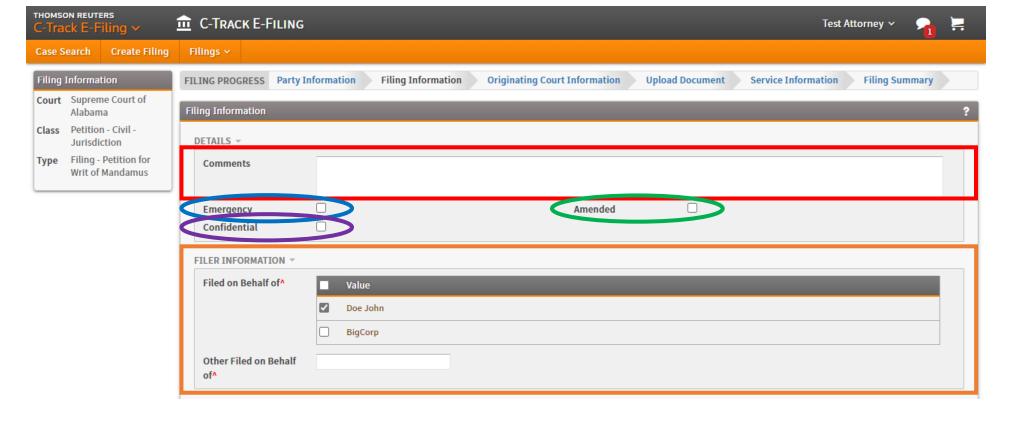
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You can continue adding as many parties as you need to this screen.

Once you are done, click the Next button.



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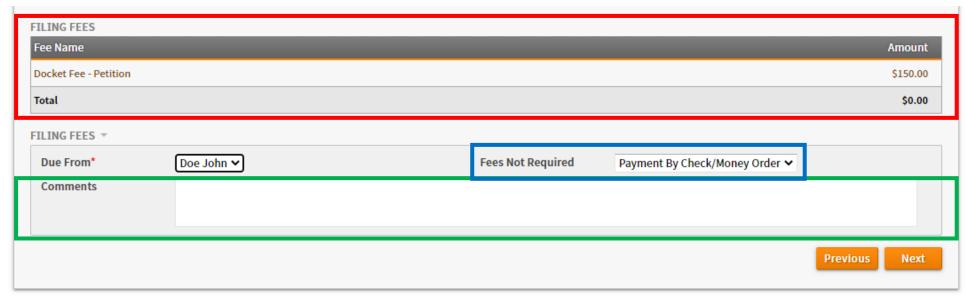
In the Details bundle, you can enter any comments you need for the court to see when processing your filing (red box).

If you are filing an **emergency**, check the Emergency box (blue circle). However, to receive emergency consideration, all emergency filings **MUST** comply with **Rule 27(e)**, **Ala. R. App. P**.

If you are amending your original filing, check the Amended box (green circle).

If you are filing a confidential document under <u>Rule 52</u> and/or <u>Rule 56(b)</u>, Ala. R. App. P., check the Confidential box (purple circle).

In the Filer Information bundle, check the box beside each of the filing parties (orange box).



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In the Filing Fees bundle, you can see the amount of the docket fee due (red box) that is automatically generated based on the case information.

By default, C-Track assumes you will submit your docket fee payments electronically. However, if you would rather submit your docket fee by paper check, or if your client is requesting or has been granted *in forma* pauperis status, you can select the appropriate option in the Fees Not Required drop-down menu (blue box).

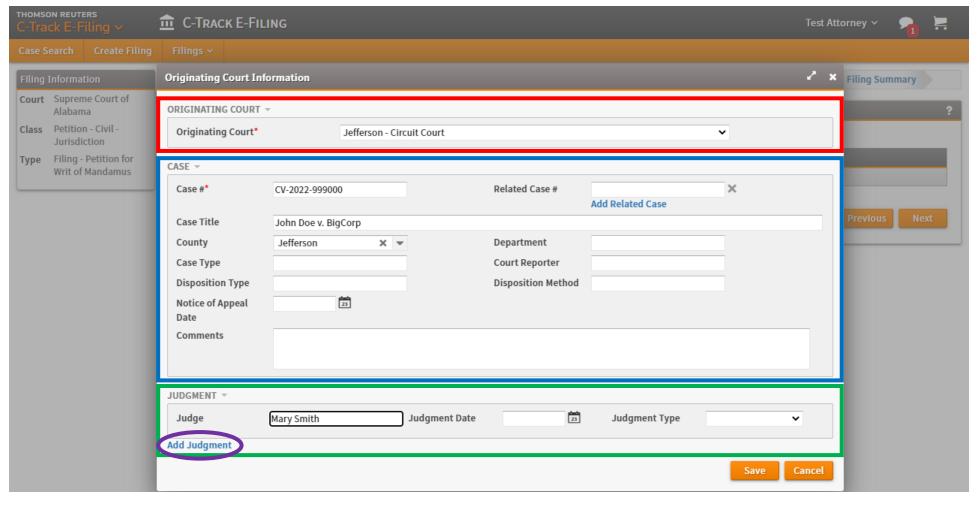
If you make a selection from Fees Not Required drop-down menu, then you must provide an explanation in the Comments section (green box).

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The next step is adding the Originating Court Information (i.e., the court from where the underlying litigation was initiated). Click Add Originating Court (red circle) to begin.



First, in the Originating Court bundle, select the originating court from the drop-down menu (red box).

Then, in the Case bundle, enter the case number, case title, and county (blue box). You can add additional information and comments, including the basis for the mandamus petition.

Last, in the Judgment bundle, add the originating court judge, judgment date, and judgment type (green box). You can add multiple judgments by clicking the Add Judgment link (purple circle).

Once you are done, click the save button.



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You can click Add Originating Court (red circle) again to add multiple originating courts (e.g., if you are filing a petition for writ of certiorari to an intermediate appellate court).

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The next step is to Upload Document and add the actual document you are filing.

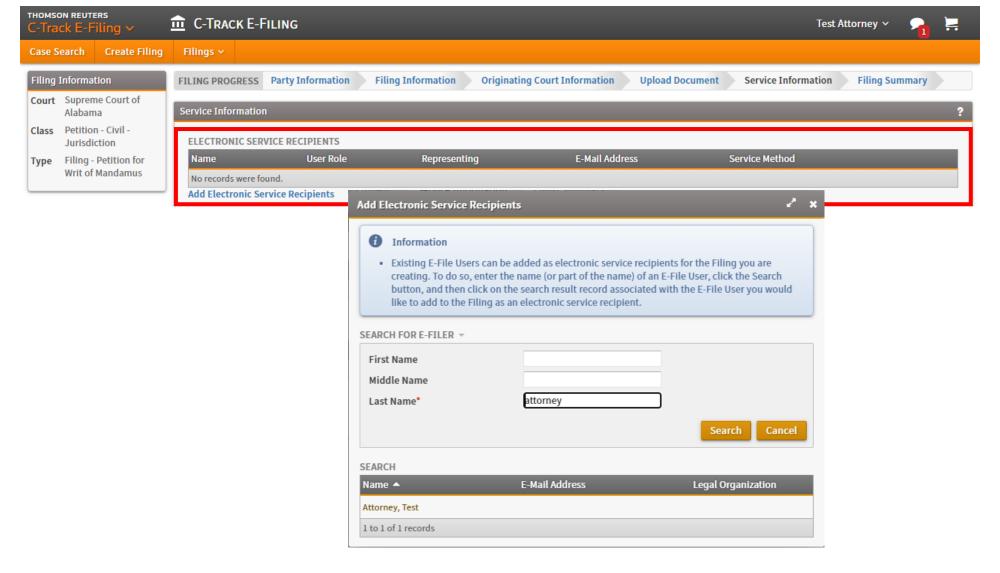
The filing name (red box) will be automatically generated based upon the information you selected when creating the new case.

To upload your document, click the Choose File button (blue box). Your filing may be uploaded in either PDF or Word format.

If you are filing a confidential document, check the Request Confidential box (green box) and supply the Confidential Reason from the drop-down menu. All confidential filings **MUST** comply with <u>Rule 52</u> and/or <u>Rule 56(b)</u>, Ala. R. App. P.

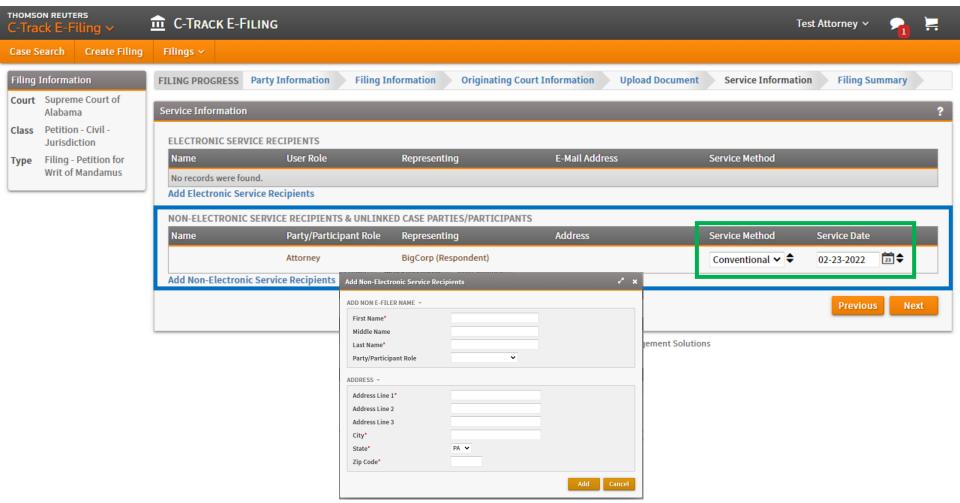
Click "Add Another" (purple circle) if you need to file multiple documents.

Once you are done, click the button.



The next step is Service Information where you can indicate how each party will be served.

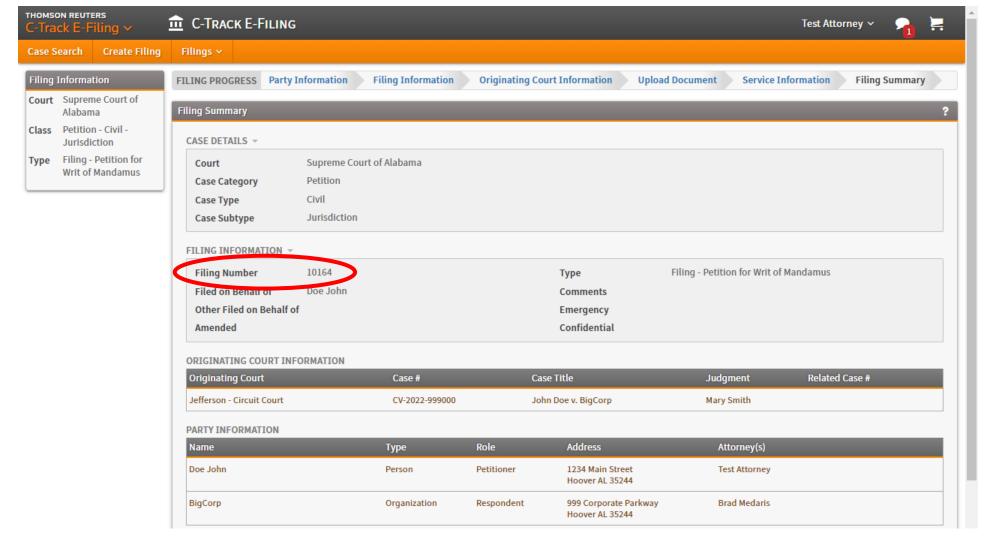
To add existing E-File users to receive electronic service through C-Track (red box), click Add Electronic Service Recipients, enter the user's name, click search, and then click on the search result record associated with the appropriate user.



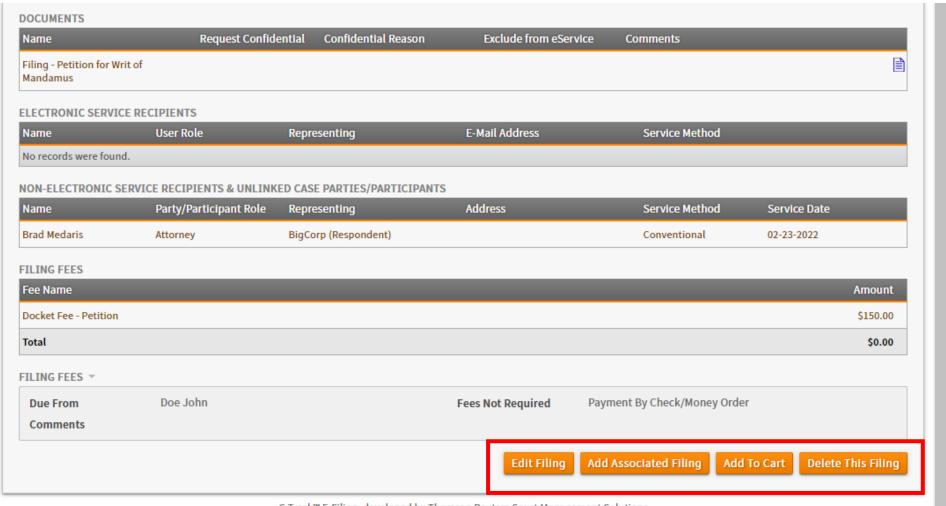
To add individuals requiring non-electronic service recipients (blue box), click Add Non-Electronic Service Recipients, enter their information, and then click Add Non-Electronic Service appropriate non-electronic service methods for all recipients, even if you select Not Served for those not requiring service under the Alabama Rules of Appellate Procedure (green box).

NOTE: While C-Track can serve your filing for you if all parties are registered with C-Track, <u>Rule 25(d)</u> and <u>Rule 57(h)</u>, Ala. R. App. P., do not specifically authorize service on parties via C-Track. Consequently, you will still be expected to serve all parties through a method traditionally accepted by the courts.

Once you are done, click the Next button.

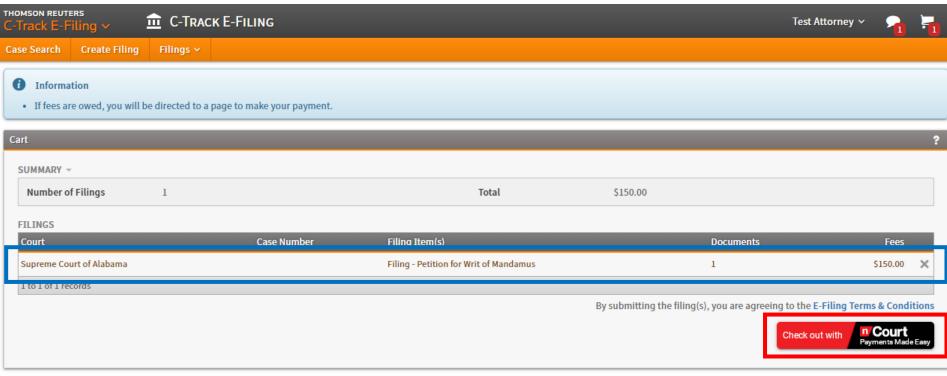


The last step is the Filing Summary. The top part of this screen provides you an overview of all information entered in the previous steps, including the filing number (red circle), which is essentially your receipt number.



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The bottom part of this screen provides you the last few options for filing (red box). You can edit the filing, add an associated filing, delete the filing, or Add To Cart, which will begin processing your filing for payment and then submission to the court.



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This screen shows you all filings currently added to your cart that are ready to be e-filed.

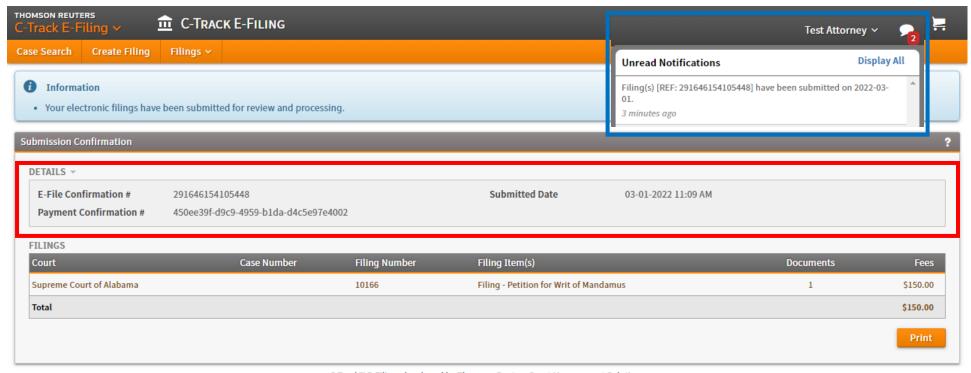
If you owe a docket fee, you have two options for e-filing your document and paying your docket fee:

- (1) to pay electronically, click the Check out with Payments Made Easy button (red box) or
- (2) to pay your docket fee by mail, click the filing listed under the Filings bundle (blue box) to return to the Filing Information page and select the Payment by Check/Money Order option from the Fees Not Required drop-down menu.



This is the screen you will see next if you decide to check out with nCourt

Once you have entered all the required Billing Information and Payment Information, click the Submit Payment button at the bottom of the screen to submit your e-filing.



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The Submission Confirmation page provides you with your e-file confirmation number, your payment confirmation number, and the submitted date and time of your e-filing (red box).

You will also receive a notification that your filing has been submitted to the appellate court (blue box).

Click the button to generate the confirmation receipt required by <u>Rule 57(h)(3)</u>, <u>Ala. R. App. P.</u>, that you are must submit with the hard copies of your filing that are delivered to the appellate courts.

E-Filing Submission Confirmation

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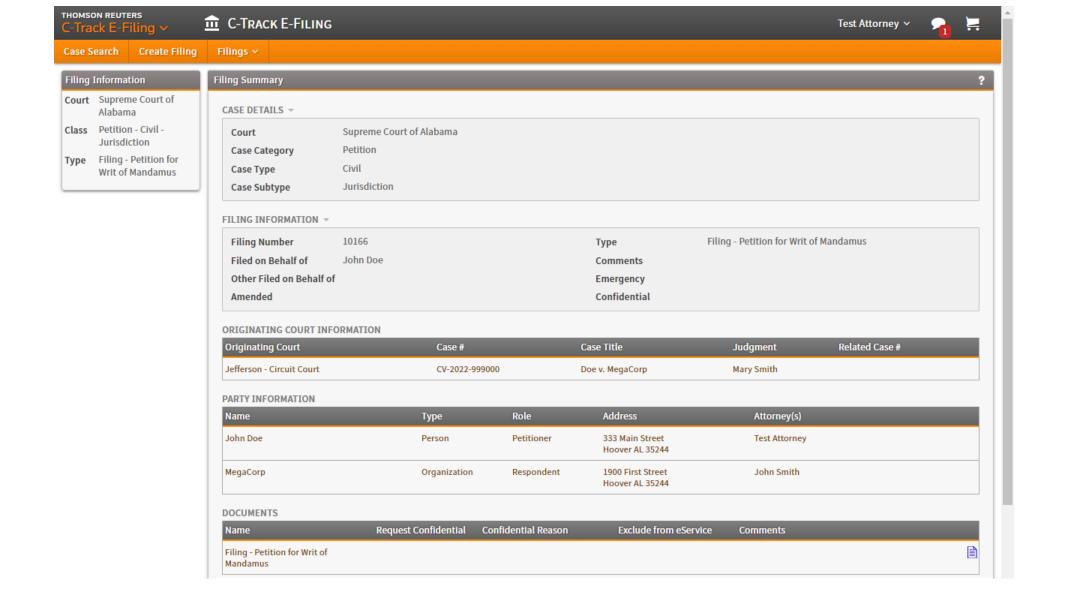
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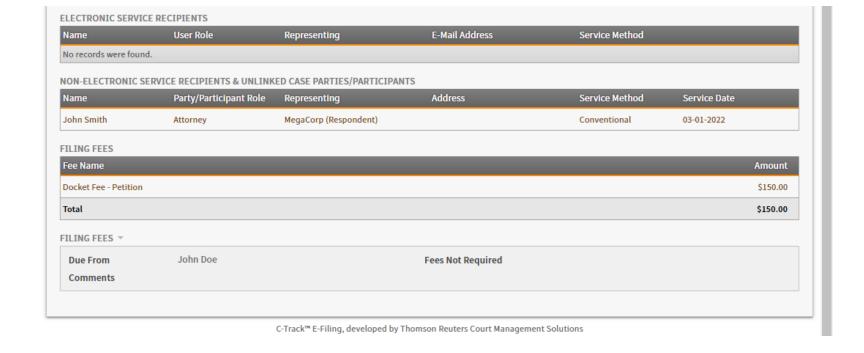


This is the new confirmation e-mail that you will receive once your e-filing is submitted to the appellate court.

Click the link to visit the following page to provide your Filing Summary.



This page will provide you a summary of all information submitted with your e-filing.



NOTE: In C-Track E-Filing, you will not have immediate access to cases in which you have submitted filings. Instead, once you submit a filing, the appellate court will first have to grant you E-File User Access through its C-Track Case Management System. Once you have been granted E-File User Access, the two systems may take several minutes to sync.